

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	68135	Agenda Number	16.
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Meeting Date:	3/2/2017	Department:	Public Health
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Subject

Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES, INC. to increase funding in an amount not to exceed \$241,500 for permanent supportive housing services and add an eight month extension option beginning May 1, 2017, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,046,500.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$161,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2016-17, 1115 Medicaid Waiver budget. The remaining funding is contingent on successful program performance and available funding in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 1115 Medicaid Waiver budget.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On August 2, 2012, Council approved (Resolution No. 20120802-029) supporting participation in the Federal 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program. On November 20, 2014, following a competitive solicitation process for expanded services, Council approved a 30-month agreement with Foundation Communities Inc. beginning November 1, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$805,000.
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

On March 25, 2010, Council passed Resolution No. 20100325-053 directing the City Manager to give priority to funding permanent supportive housing (PSH) units for vulnerable populations with annual incomes at or below 30 percent median family income, and to develop a comprehensive strategy for the construction and operation of 350 permanent supportive housing units over the next four years. On October 2, 2014, Council passed Resolution No. 20141002-043 directing the City Manager to set a community target of creating 400 PSH units, with a minimum of 200 units dedicated to "Housing First" PSH to be delivered through coordinated, community-wide efforts in the next four years, and to adopt updates recommended in the August 2014 PSH Evaluation Report.

This Medicaid 1115 Waiver project enhances the City's existing PSH strategy by providing Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services to individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness and co-occurring psychiatric, substance abuse, and/or chronic medical conditions. In October 2013, the Austin Public Health Department,

formerly the Health and Human Services Department, submitted application Region 7 Medicaid Waiver Application to the Travis County Healthcare District, dba Central Health, that included a request for a three-year 1115 Medicaid Waiver expansion project that serves PSH clients. In May 2016, the Texas Health and Human Service Commission announced a 15-month extension of all Medicaid 1115 Waiver projects beyond the original end date of September 30, 2016. Amendment No. 2 to this agreement would extend the term with Foundation Communities through December 31, 2017.

Through this agreement, Foundation Communities will continue to provide ACT services to formerly homeless individuals residing in PSH. Services include case management, mental health and substance abuse treatment, primary medical care, individual supportive therapy, and mobile crisis intervention. These services will be provided to chronically homeless individuals that may require services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The goal of the ACT program is to assist participants in achieving housing stability, connect to a medical home, and ultimately live healthy, happy lives. Other goals include avoiding the need for public emergency assistance and hospital inpatient re-admissions, averting involvement in the criminal justice system, promoting wellness and medication adherence, and ultimately recovering from substance abuse.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Output Measure:

Annual Number of Unduplicated Clients Served: 30

Outcome Measure:

Percent of individuals receiving specialized interventions who demonstrate improved functional status on the Adults Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA): Minimum 20%

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL: Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.